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| Total effective claims after amendment 36 minus highest number previously paid for 36 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 06/08/2004, please amend the above-identified application as shown below: